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Dear Vernon:

I don't have anything of my own to suggest for the new Microbiology Series. However, it is just possible that this would be just the place for another project in which I have an oblique interest. That is an English edition of Buchner's monograph on Endosymbiosis, a subject which is virtually unrecognized in this country.

Fortunately, a one-time associate of Buchner's, Walter Carter, is interested in supervising such a translation -- in fact he even has an application in to the NIH for a small subsidy, but it is not too likely that he will get much support for this kind of a project. In any case, it is a project that would have to be subsidized to some extent, and in my own opinion a very worthwhile one. It is quite possible that some revision of the 1953 edition may be necessary, both to modernize and to shorten it, but this you would have to take up with the principals. I do know that both Goldschmidt (who was Buchner's professor at one time!) and Ed Steinhaus are also deeply interested.

This is one project that has faltered because it can't make a showing in the usual commercial channels, and I hope you will give it especially sympathetic consideration for that reason.

You can contact Carter at the Pineapple Research Institute of Hawaii, P.O. Box 3166, Honolulu 2, Hawaii. I hope to be meeting him myself in about 6 weeks en route to Australia. (We'll be back in November).

Best regards,

  
Joshua Lederberg